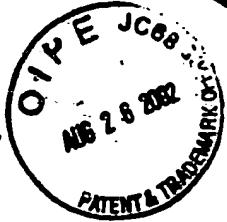


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KOROMO SHIROTA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/677,867

Filed: October 3, 2000

For: INK JET HEAD SUBSTRATE  
HAVING HEAT GENERATING  
RESISTOR AND INK JET HEAD  
AND RECORDING METHOD  
USING SAME

Examiner: K. Feggins

Group Art Unit: 2861

August 21, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith.

Preliminary to continued examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested  
to amend the above-identified application as follows:

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